

De Molay  
Commandery.

BY-LAWS

OF

De Molay Commandery

OF

Knights Templars,

AND THE

APPENDANT ORDERS.

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First Adopted 1849, — Revised 1869.

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# CHARTER.

FROM THE *EAST* OF THE

## Grand Encampment of Mass. & Rhode Island.

M. E. JOHN R. BRADFORD, G. MASTER.

*To all Knights Templars throughout the World.*

JOSEPH W. WARD,  
AARON SARGENT,  
WILLIAM PARKMAN, } Committee on  
Revision of  
By-Laws.

JOSEPH W. WARD,  
AARON SARGENT,  
WILLIAM PARKMAN,  
F. A. PIERCE, Recorder, } Committee on  
Printing  
By-Laws.

BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1870.

JOHN R. BRADFORD,  
Grand Master.

JAMES HUTCHISON,  
Dep. G. Master.

S. W. ROBINSON,  
Grand Generalissimo.

WINSLOW LEWIS, JR.,  
Grand Capt. General.

[ S E A L . ]  
WHEREAS, a PETITION has been presented to us, signed Ammi Burnham Young, Edward Asa Raymond, John J. Loring, Charles Whitlock Moore, Hamilton Willis, Albert H. Kelsey, William Eaton, Joshua Tucker, Simon W. Robinson, Gardner Greenleaf, Jonas Chickering, and Charles Robbins, KNIGHTS TEMPLARS, residing in and near the City of Boston, in the County of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, praying that a CHARTER may be granted to them, authorizing and empowering them to open and hold an Encampment of Knights Templars in said city, and WHEREAS the said Petition was, on the tenth day of October, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, duly submitted to, and considered by, our said GRAND ENCAMPMENT, in open session; and it appearing that the rules and regulations in such case made and provided had been fully complied with, an order was passed authorizing the prayer of the petitioners to be granted, NOW KNOW YE, THAT WE, THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, reposing special confidence and trust in the fidelity, zeal, and Masonic skill of the petitioners aforesaid, and for the purpose of diffusing the benefits of the Order, and promoting the happiness of its members, do, by these Presents, constitute and establish the said petitioners into an Encampment of Knights Templars and the appendant Orders, by the name of *De Molay Encampment*, with full & adequate powers to confer the several Degrees of Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templars, and Knights of Malta, upon such person or persons, possessing the requisite qualifications, as they may think proper, And whereas the said petitioners have, by their own free and independent action, elected from themselves and their associates the following Brethren to be the First Officers of said Encampment, — viz., Sir EDWARD A. RAYMOND, M. E. Grand Commander; JOHN J. LORING, Generalissimo; A. BURNHAM YOUNG, Captain General; CHARLES W. MOORE, Prelate; ALBERT H. KELSEY, Senior Warden; HAMILTON WILLIS, Junior Warden; WILLIAM EATON, Treasurer; THOMAS RESTIEAUX, Recorder; JOSHUA TUCKER, Sword-Bearer; GARDNER GREENLEAF, Standard-Bearer; CHARLES ROBBINS, Warder; OSGOOD EATON, 3d, JOHN C. ROBERTSON, 2d, WILLIAM PARKMAN, 1st, Captains of Guards; HENRY G. CLARK, Director of Music; JONAS CHICKERING, JOHN BIGELOW, WILLIAM WARD, JOHN P. OBER, J. LEANDER STARR, Committee of Finance; SIMON W. ROBINSON, G. WASHINGTON WARREN, JOSEPH W. WARD, JAMES PERKINS, EDWARD HENNESSY, Committee of Charity,

THEREFORE, We do hereby recognize the said Brethren as Officers & Members of said Encampment, with continuance of the aforesaid powers and privileges to them & their successors for ever. PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, That the said Officers & Members, & their successors in said Encampment, pay due respect to our Grand Encampment aforesaid, and to the Constitution & Edicts thereof, & in no way remove the Ancient Landmarks of our Order. Otherwise this Charter and all things herein contained to be void, and of no effect.

GIVEN AT THE CITY OF BOSTON, in the State of Massachusetts, this 10th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and of our Order seven hundred and thirty. By order of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

ATTEST:

GILBERT NURSE,  
Grand Recorder.





## BY-LAWS.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### CONSTITUTION AND ORGANIZATION.

##### MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. — The DE MOLAY COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS shall consist of a Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Prelate, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, Sword-Bearer, Standard-Bearer, Warder, three Captains of the Guard, Musical Director, Organist, Armorer, and Sentinel, and as many Knights Templars as the majority of the Sir Knights may from time to time determine.

##### ASSEMBLIES.

SECT. 2. — The Commandery shall assemble on the fourth Wednesday of each month, and also upon such special occasions as may be ordered by the Commander; provided, however, that in the months of July and August, the stated assemblies may be omitted by a vote of the Commandery.

*Copy of an Order subjoined to a revised copy of the Constitution of the Grand [Encampment] Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island [See p. 41], received in De Molay Encampment, Nov. 24th, 1869.*

At the annual assembly held in the City of Providence, on Friday, the 29th day of October, 1869, the foregoing Constitution was adopted, and is now binding upon the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and all subordinate Commanderies within its jurisdiction.

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,  
*Grand Recorder.*

Boston, November 9, 1869.



## ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

SECT. 3.—The first eleven enumerated officers shall be chosen annually, at the stated assembly in September, by written ballot; the others shall be appointed by the Commander immediately after his installation.

The officers shall be installed as soon as may be convenient, and shall hold their offices until their successors are installed.

There shall also be chosen annually, at the stated assembly in September, by written ballot, a committee of three, to be called the Commandery-Fund Committee. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to election upon this committee.

## VACANCIES IN OFFICES.

SECT. 4.—Should any elective office become vacant, such vacancy shall be filled at the first stated assembly after such occurrence,—a notice for such election having been inserted in the notification for said assembly;—should any appointed office become vacant, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Commander: a dispensation from the Grand Commandery, in either case, having first been obtained.

Any appointed officer who wilfully neglects his duties for three successive assemblies shall be considered as having relinquished his office.

## ARTICLE II.

## DUTIES.

## COMMANDER.

SECT. 1.—The Commander shall convene stated and special assemblies, and, when present, preside over and govern the Commandery; dispense justice, reward merit, encourage truth, and diffuse the sublime principles of universal benevolence.

## GENERALISSIMO.

SECT. 2.—The Generalissimo shall receive and communicate all orders, signals, and petitions; assist the Commander in the various duties of his office; and, in his absence, preside over the Commandery.

## CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

SECT. 3.—The Captain-General shall proclaim the orders of the Commander, assist him in council, and, in the absence of the Commander and Generalissimo, preside over the Commandery.

## PRELATE.

SECT. 4.—The Prelate shall perform such duties as appertain to his office.



## WARDENS.

SECT. 5. — The Wardens shall prepare the candidates, accompany them through the ceremonies, and introduce them into the Commandery.

## TREASURER.

SECT. 6. — The Treasurer shall receive in charge the funds and other property of the Commandery, pay all orders drawn upon the Treasury, when duly approved by the Standing Committee, and, at the stated assembly in September, render a just and fair account of the same, and deliver to his successor in office, within thirty days after the election, all the property remaining in his possession.

## RECORDER.

SECT. 7. — The Recorder shall issue notifications to the Sir Knights of all assemblies, specifying, *in writing*, the names, places of abode, and occupation of all candidates, and, when directed by the Commander, the special business of the assembly; observe with attention the proceedings of the Commandery, keep a fair and faithful record of the same, collect the revenue, and, except as provided in Art. IV., Sect. 4, and Art. VII., Sects. 1 and 2, pay it over to the Treasurer, at least once in three months; serve the chairman of all committees with a copy of

the vote by which they were appointed, and attend their sessions if required; and, at the assembly in September, exhibit a fair account of all moneys received and paid.

## SWORD-BEARER.

SECT. 8. — The Sword-Bearer shall assist in the protection of the banners of the Order, watch all signals from the Commander, and see his orders duly executed.

## STANDARD-BEARER.

SECT. 9. — The Standard-Bearer shall display, support, and protect the banners of the Order.

## WARDER.

SECT. 10. — The Warder shall see the Commandery securely guarded, and the Sentinels at their posts; communicate to the Commander all petitions and requests for admission and favors, and return his answers.

## GUARDS.

SECT. 11. — The Guards shall challenge with spirit, examine with caution, admonish with candor, relieve with alacrity, protect with fidelity, and defend with valor their respective posts.



## MUSICAL DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST.

SECT. 12. — The Musical Director and Organist shall have control and direction of the music.

## ARMORER.

SECT. 13. — The Armorer shall have the care of the Armory and the general charge of the property therein, and of other materials belonging to the Commandery, and see that they are kept in good order and ready for use; and, at the stated assembly in September, make a return in writing, to the Commandery, of every article in his department.

## SENTINEL.

SECT. 14. — The Sentinel shall guard with vigilance, give the alarm when necessary, and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Commander.

## COMMANDERY-FUND COMMITTEE.

SECT. 15. — The Commandery-Fund Committee shall direct the investment of the Commandery Fund and Life-Membership Fund, as provided in Art. VII., Sect. 2, and Art. IV., Sect. 4, and report their doings thereon, and the condition of said Funds at the stated assembly in September; and a failure of the committee to make such report shall render

them ineligible to re-election, except by the unanimous vote of the Sir Knights present.

## STANDING COMMITTEE.

SECT. 16. — The Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain-General shall be a Standing Committee, who shall examine all bills against the Commandery (two at least, of the committee, approving the same before they shall be paid by the Treasurer); audit the accounts of the Treasurer and Recorder, and report at the stated assembly in September; and transact generally the financial affairs of the Commandery, unless it is otherwise specially ordered.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

SECT. 17. — All committees, except the Standing Committee and Commandery-Fund Committee, shall report their doings at the next assembly after their appointment. All necessary expenses of committees shall be defrayed by the Commandery.

## MEMBERS.

SECT. 18. — The Sir Knights shall implicitly obey the orders of the Commander, and he shall be addressed by the Sir Knights standing and uncovered, and by the title of "Eminent Commander."



The Sir Knights shall address each other, when on duty, by the title of "Sir Knight," and shall on all occasions observe the most kind and courteous behavior toward each other.

Should disputes unhappily arise, it shall be the duty of the Commander, upon application of the party aggrieved, or of three of the Sir Knights, to convene the Commandery; when a careful, patient, and impartial investigation of the cause of the complaint shall be made, and the decision thereupon of a majority of the Sir Knights present shall be conclusive.

Should any Sir Knight be guilty of wilfully traducing the character and good name of any member, violate the principles of his profession, or reveal the confidential transactions of the Commandery to any person not a member, he may be discharged at any regular assembly, by a majority vote of the Sir Knights present; he having received at least ten days' previous notice of such intention to discharge him.

#### ARREARAGES IN ASSESSMENTS.

SECT. 19. — Three months before the stated assembly in September, the Recorder shall request all Sir Knights who may be a year in arrears in the annual assessment, to adjust the same; and, at said stated assembly, he shall present to the Commandery a list

of those then delinquent one year, and, except in cases where an excuse satisfactory to the Council shall be offered, a vote shall be taken on their discharge from the Commandery.

#### DEBATES.

SECT. 20. — All debates shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise specially ordered, — the Commander always having the casting vote.

#### PARADES.

SECT. 21. — No public parade shall be made, except by vote of the Commandery at a stated or special assembly; nor unless a notice of the proposed parade shall be inserted in the notification for said assembly.

#### DECEASE OF MEMBERS.

SECT. 22. — On the decease of a Sir Knight of the Commandery, the Commander shall immediately, through the Recorder, inform the officers of the time and place of the funeral, provided the same shall be held within accessible distance; and it shall be the duty of the Commander and officers to attend the services: should any officer be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure a substitute, unless excused by the Commander.



## ARTICLE III.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE ORDERS.

## APPLICATION.

SECT. 1. — Every candidate for the Orders shall make application in writing, enclosing the fee, and accompanied by a certificate from three Royal Arch Masons that he has regularly received the degree of Royal Arch Mason, and is of good moral character and respectability. The application of each candidate must be submitted to the Council, and if approved by them, a committee of investigation shall be appointed, and, through the Recorder, immediately notified of their duty.

## BALLOTING.

SECT. 2. — Candidates may be admitted to receive the Orders by the unanimous ballot of the Sir Knights present, after having been proposed at least fourteen days (unless in case of emergency a Dispensation be obtained), their names being inserted in the notification for the assembly at which the balloting takes place. The balloting shall be strictly secret. In case *one* black ball only is cast, a second balloting may be ordered, but a third shall not be allowed. If the candidate is not accepted, the fee

shall be returned. When a candidate is rejected, no Sir Knight shall question another as to his vote, declare his own, or complain of the result.

## NO CLAIM TO MEMBERSHIP.

SECT. 3. — The fact of having received the Orders in the Commandery, shall confer no claim to be admitted to membership.

## ARTICLE IV.

## MEMBERSHIP.

## PROPOSITION.

SECT. 1. — Any Sir Knight wishing to propose a candidate for membership, must first communicate his name to the Council, who shall order a ballot on the following question, viz., "Is it the pleasure of the Commandery that Sir A—— B—— be proposed for membership?" If the ballot is unanimously in the affirmative, the applicant may be proposed, and a committee of investigation appointed, and, through the Recorder, immediately notified of their duty. If he is rejected, no record shall be made of the result.



## BALLOTING.

SECT. 2. — Knights Templars may be admitted to membership at stated assemblies only, by the unanimous ballot of the Sir Knights present, after having been proposed one month; their names being inserted in the notifications for the assembly at which the balloting takes place.

No one shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until he has signed the By-Laws and paid the admission fee; and a neglect to conform to these requirements within three months after being notified by the Recorder of his election, shall necessitate the form of being re-proposed and again balloted for, to obtain membership.

## HONORARY.

SECT. 3. — Past Commanders shall be placed upon the list of Honorary Members.

Knights Templars who have been eminently useful to the Institution, or to this Commandery in particular, may be admitted to Honorary Membership at the stated assembly in September only, by the unanimous ballot of the Sir Knights present, their names being inserted in the notifications for said assembly.

Honorary Members shall enjoy all the rights

and privileges of members,— except that the right to vote shall not pertain to those who were not previously members of the Commandery,— and shall not be subject to assessments.

## LIFE.

SECT. 4. — Any member who may pay to the Commandery the sum of one hundred dollars, shall receive from the Recorder a certificate of Life Membership, and become exempt from the payment of the annual assessment, but retain all the privileges of membership.

The Recorder shall pay all sums received for Life Membership to the Commandery-Fund Committee, who shall carefully and judiciously invest the same as Trustees for Life-Membership Fund of De Molay Commandery; and the *income* only thereof shall be applied to the payment of the current expenses of the Commandery.



## ARTICLE V.

## UNIFORM.

SECT. 1.—The Uniform of the Commandery shall be as follows :—

## DRESS.

Black coat, pants, cravat, and boots.

## REGALIA.

Black chapeau with white feathers, and a Christian cross in brilliants, set in white metal on a black rosette.

Black cloth fatigue cap with gold lace band, and Malta cross in front; to be worn in lieu of the chapeau, only when ordered by the Commander.

Black velvet baldric, apron and belt, with gold lace band and white binding: the apron triangular in form, with red patriarchal cross on gilt delta, and the belt with burnished gilt Malta cross on gilt breastplate.

Buff gauntlets with red Malta cross on the outside of the cuffs, on public parade; and white gloves at assemblies for work.

Sword with yellow gilt scabbard, &c.

## REQUIRED TO WEAR UNIFORMS.

SECT. 2.—Every Sir Knight, when on public parade, shall appear in uniform; and also when present at the assemblies of the Commandery;—except Honorary Members or those who have passed the age of sixty years—and no member shall be admitted other than those mentioned above, who may be without uniform, unless the consent of the Commander shall first be obtained.

## ADMISSION OF VISITORS TO THE RANKS.

SECT. 3.—Knights Templars whose uniform does not conform to the uniform of this Commandery, shall not be admitted to the ranks, except by permission of the Commander.

## ARTICLE VI.

## REVENUE, ETC.

## FEES FROM CANDIDATES.—ANNUAL ASSESSMENT, ETC.

SECT. 1.—There shall be paid by every candidate for the Orders the sum of \$75; every candidate for membership, on being admitted, the sum of



\$25 if knighted in this Commandery, and \$50 if knighted elsewhere; every Sir Knight, — except Honorary Members, and the Prelate, Treasurer, Recorder, Armorer, and Sentinel, — the sum of \$10 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance, on the first day of October, and first day of April; and for each diploma, the sum of \$2.

☞ On the 22d of May, 1867, it was voted that an assessment of \$20 be laid upon each member, and all who should thereafter become members, to defray the expense of furnishing the armory; and that the Treasurer should issue to each member a certificate entitling him to the use of a stall for his regalia, for a term of ten years, with a condition in said certificate that it is transferable to any member, by the holder thereof; and that the Commandery reserve the right to redeem said certificate whenever it may deem proper, by paying the proportionate amount for the unexpired term of said certificate.

#### EXTRA ASSESSMENTS.

SECT. 2. — Extra Assessments shall not be made except at stated assemblies; nor unless a notice of the proposed assessment shall be inserted in the notification for said assembly.

#### FEEES TO RECORDER, ETC.

SECT. 3. — There shall be paid, for each assembly which they shall attend, to the Recorder the sum of \$5, and to the Armorer and Sentinel, each, the sum of \$3.

#### FUNDS NOT TO BE APPROPRIATED, ETC.

SECT. 4. — No funds of the Commandery shall be appropriated to purposes foreign to the direct objects of Templar Masonry, except by vote of the Commandery.

### ARTICLE VII.

#### COMMANDERY FUND.

##### HOW CREATED.

SECT. 1. — The sum of five dollars from the fee received of each successful applicant for the Orders, the sum of two dollars from the fee received of each Sir Knight for membership, and the sum of one dollar from the annual amount received of each Sir Knight for the annual assessment, shall be set apart, and shall together form a fund to be designated the "Commandery Fund."

##### APPROPRIATION.

SECT. 2. — The Recorder shall, as often as once in three months, pay the proportion of the amount received by him as set forth in Sect. 1, to the Commandery-Fund Committee, who shall carefully and judiciously invest the same, as Trustees for Com-



mandery Fund of De Molay Commandery ; and the *income* only thereof shall be appropriated for the relief of distressed members, their widows and minor children, and for such other purposes as may be designated by vote of the Commandery.

#### ADDITIONS.

SECT. 3. — The unexpended income of this Fund, in September of each year, together with all donations to the Fund, and all appropriations made thereto by vote of the Commandery, shall be added to and become a part of the Fund.

#### RATE OF INCREASE NOT TO BE DIMINISHED.

SECT. 4. — It shall not be considered good knightly faith in the Commandery to diminish the rate of increase as established by the preceding sections of this article.

### ARTICLE VIII.

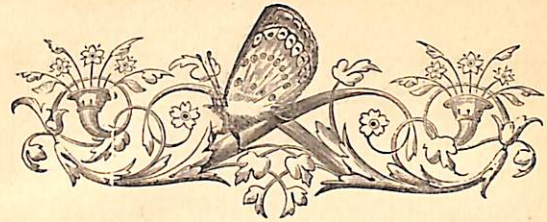
#### ALTERATION OR REPEAL OF BY-LAWS.

SECT. 1. — These By-Laws shall not be altered or repealed, unless they have been reported upon in writing at a previous meeting, by a commit-

tee chosen for that purpose ; nor then without a two-thirds' vote of the Sir Knights present. Such report must be made, and action thereon had, at some stated assembly of the Commandery, due notice thereof being given by the Recorder in the notification for said assembly.







Commanders  
OF  
DE MOLAY ENCAMPMENT,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, TO 1869-70.

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EDWARD A. RAYMOND . . . . .	1848-9, 49-50, 50-1.
CHARLES W. MOORE . . . . .	1851-2.
THOMAS R. LAMBERT . . . . .	1852-3, 53-4, 54-5.
CLEMENT A. WALKER . . . . .	1855-6, 56-7, 57-8, 58-9.
WILLIAM PARKMAN . . . . .	1859-60, 60-1.
EDWIN C. BAILEY . . . . .	1861-2, 62-3, 63-4.
WILLIAM F. DAVIS . . . . .	1864-5, 65-6.
JOHN W. DADMUN . . . . .	1866-7, 67-8.
SAMUEL J. M. HOMER . . . . .	1868-9, 69-70.





## Officers

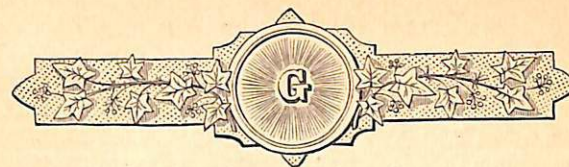
OF

## DE MOLAY COMMANDERY.

1869-70.

Sir SAMUEL J. M. HOMER . . . . .	<i>Eminent Commander.</i>
Sir MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . . . .	<i>Generalissimo.</i>
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN . . . . .	<i>Captain-General.</i>
Sir Rev. GEORGE S. NOYES . . . . .	<i>Prelate.</i>
Sir JOHN MACK . . . . .	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
Sir AARON SARGENT . . . . .	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
Sir JOSEPH M. RUSSELL . . . . .	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Sir FREDERICK A. PIERCE . . . . .	<i>Recorder.</i>
Sir WILLIAM H. NICHOLS . . . . .	<i>Sword-Bearer.</i>
Sir WILLIAM T. PLAISTED . . . . .	<i>Standard-Bearer.</i>
Sir ROBERT H. CARLTON . . . . .	<i>Warder.</i>
Sir JOHN H. CHESTER . . . . .	<i>Third Guard.</i>
Sir JOHN P. SOULE . . . . .	<i>Second Guard.</i>
Sir ETHAN R. CHENEY . . . . .	<i>First Guard.</i>
Sir EDWARD PRESCOTT . . . . .	<i>Musical Director.</i>
Sir HOWARD M. DOW . . . . .	<i>Organist.</i>
Sir EBEN F. GAY . . . . .	<i>Armorer.</i>
Sir GEORGE H. PIKE . . . . .	<i>Sentinel.</i>
Sir JOSEPH W. WARD,	} <i>Commandery</i>
Sir HORACE JENKINS,	
Sir WILLIAM S. ANDERSON,	

*Fund Committee.*



## List of Members

OF

## DE MOLAY COMMANDERY,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO JANUARY 1, 1870, WITH DATES  
OF ADMISSION.

\* Deceased.    † Withdrawn.    ‡ Discharged.    § Charter Members.  
|| Honorary Members.

Abbot, Alfred A. . . . .	April 25, 1860.†
Abbot, John E. . . . .	June 28, 1854.‡
Adams, F. W. . . . .	April 25, 1866.†
Ainsworth, Frederick S. . . . .	April 25, 1855.‡
Alden, G. A. . . . .	Feb. 25, 1863.
Allen, A. F. . . . .	March 27, 1867.
Almy, Charles H. . . . .	June 27, 1860.
Ambrose, George T. . . . .	June 28, 1865.
Ames, P. Adams. . . . .	June 4, 1851.†
Anderson, W. S. . . . .	June 24, 1863.
Andrews, Alonzo. . . . .	June 28, 1854.*
Andrews, Joseph. . . . .	May 27, 1857.*
Andros, Milton . . . . .	June 25, 1862.
Anthes, F. C. . . . .	Sept. 28, 1864.
Apollonio, N. A. . . . .	June 25, 1862.†
Appleton, Charles H. . . . .	April 22, 1857.†
Arnold, George J. . . . .	March 27, 1867.†
Ashley, E. R. . . . .	June 27, 1860.
Atwood, Timothy D. . . . .	June 26, 1867.
Ayres, Orlando H. . . . .	May 26, 1869.



Babbitt, Albert . . . . .	Sept. 25, 1867.
Bacall, William K. . . . .	April 27, 1859.
Bacon, Albert T. . . . .	May 26, 1869.
Bailey, Edwin C. . . . .	Oct. 27, 1858. †
Barnabee, Henry C. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1868.
Barney, Joseph S. . . . .	Feb. 26, 1868.
Barrett, Charles B. . . . .	Feb. 26, 1868.
Bartlett, Nelson . . . . .	Jan. 23, 1867.
Bartlett, S. P. . . . .	June 24, 1863.
Bates, G. A. . . . .	April 25, 1866.
Baxter, E. W., Jr. . . . .	Jan. 22, 1862.
Bayley, Benjamin F. . . . .	July 23, 1856. †
Beal, Benjamin . . . . .	April 27, 1859.
Bell, Edward D. . . . .	May 23, 1849.
Bell, James B. . . . .	April 26, 1865.
Belknap, Austin . . . . .	May 22, 1867.
Berry, Charles P. . . . .	May 26, 1869.
Bigelow, John . . . . .	\$
Billings, Joseph E. . . . .	Feb. 24, 1858. †
Blake, J. E. . . . .	April 22, 1863.
Blasdel, John C. . . . .	May 22, 1867.
Blethen, Alonzo C. . . . .	Dec. 28, 1864.
Bliss, John . . . . .	Feb. 26, 1868.
Bliss, Moses H. . . . .	Jan. 23, 1856.
Blodgett, John H. . . . .	Sept. 25, 1867.
Blood, S. G. . . . .	Feb. 26, 1868.
Bosworth, Charles E. . . . .	May 26, 1868.
Boyd, Henry . . . . .	Sept. 24, 1862.
Bradford, John R. . . . .	Oct. 27, 1858. †*
Brainard, E. H. . . . .	June 25, 1862. †
Bramhall, Thomas M. . . . .	Nov. 25, 1863. †
Bray, William W. . . . .	Feb. 25, 1863.*
Breed, George F. . . . .	Jan. 23, 1867.
Brink, Willis L. . . . .	March 27, 1867.
Brown, George B. . . . .	Jan. 23, 1861.
Brown, Josiah . . . . .	Dec. 28, 1864.*
Browne, Charles A. . . . .	March 27, 1850.
Brownell, George L. . . . .	June 27, 1860.
Bryant, Josiah . . . . .	May 22, 1867.

Burbank, Parker C. . . . .	June 26, 1867.
Burnett, Joseph . . . . .	Sept. 26, 1854.
Burrill, Rev. John T. . . . .	July 23, 1856.
Bush, Edward . . . . .	April 22, 1863.*
Bush, Francis, Jr. . . . .	Jan. 23, 1861.
Carl, William . . . . .	May 24, 1865.
Carlton, Robert H. . . . .	Dec. 23, 1863.
Carlton, Samuel A. . . . .	May 22, 1867.
Cary, Isaac . . . . .	June 4, 1851.*
Caton, Asa H. . . . .	April 24, 1867.
Chadwick, J. H. . . . .	March 28, 1860.
Chapman, A. F. . . . .	Dec. 24, 1862.
Cheney, Ethan R. . . . .	Feb. 22, 1865.
Cheney, John H. . . . .	April 22, 1857.*
Chester, John H. . . . .	Feb. 22, 1865.
Chester, William F. . . . .	Jan. 23, 1867.
Chickering, Jonas . . . . .	\$ *
Clapp, C. M. . . . .	Feb. 27, 1867.
Clark, Cyrus T. . . . .	Nov. 24, 1858.
Clark, Edward E. . . . .	March 22, 1865.
Clark, Henry G. . . . .	\$ †
Clark, John M. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1857.
Clark, William P. . . . .	Sept. 25, 1867.
Clarke, L. W. . . . .	March 28, 1860.*
Clough, J. N. M. . . . .	Oct. 28, 1863.
Coffin, Timothy G. . . . .	Feb. 26, 1851.*
Colby, Charles H. . . . .	May 25, 1853. †
Coleman, W. O. . . . .	Sept. 25, 1867. †
Collins, James H. . . . .	June 28, 1854.
Conery, D. E. . . . .	June 27, 1860. †
Cook, B. F. . . . .	Jan. 28, 1852. †
Coolidge, Aaron R. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1868.
Coolidge, J. T., Jr. . . . .	Oct. 27, 1858.
Cox, James V. . . . .	Oct. 28, 1863.
Crosby, Cyrus F. . . . .	May 25, 1864.
Crosby, Frank M. . . . .	Sept. 26, 1866.
Crosby, Fred . . . . .	Sept. 26, 1866.
Crosby, William . . . . .	Sept. 26, 1866.



Crowell, P. H. . . . .	Sept. 24, 1862.
Crowell, William H. . . . .	June 27, 1860.
Culver, William C. . . . .	March 22, 1865.
Cummings, John A. . . . .	Feb. 25, 1852.
Cumston, William . . . . .	Sept. 26, 1866.
Cushman, Austin S. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1857.
Cutler, L. A. . . . .	Sept. 24, 1862.†
Dadmun, Rev. John W. . . . .	March 28, 1860.‖
Dalton, Henry L. . . . .	May 25, 1859.
Dame, Seth T. . . . .	Jan. 25, 1865.
Daniell, William H. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1868.
Davis, Charles A. . . . .	June 28, 1854.†
Davis, Charles A. . . . .	April 27, 1859.
Davis, George O. . . . .	May 22, 1867.
Davis, Henry . . . . .	Jan. 2, 1855.
Davis, William F. . . . .	May 27, 1857.‖
Day, Edward B. . . . .	Nov. 24, 1858.*
Dean, Benjamin . . . . .	March 28, 1855.†
Dearborn, S. O. . . . .	March 28, 1860.†
Dearborn, W. G. . . . .	April 25, 1866.
Delano, George . . . . .	April 23, 1862.
Dickerman, George H. . . . .	Feb. 26, 1868.
Dix, Joseph . . . . .	May 26, 1858.
Dolliver, P. E. . . . .	April 22, 1863.
Dow, Howard M. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1868.
Downs, H. S. . . . .	May 25, 1864.
Dudley, John G. . . . .	Jan. 25, 1865.†
Dutton, B. F. . . . .	May 25, 1864.
Eaton, Caleb . . . . .	May 27, 1857.
Eaton, Charles O. . . . .	Oct. 27, 1858.
Eaton, Osgood . . . . .	\$ †*
Eaton, William . . . . .	\$ †
Edwards, George H. . . . .	May 24, 1865.
Edwards, Pardon C. . . . .	April 22, 1857.*
Edwards, Pierpont . . . . .	May 25, 1859.
Elder, William H. . . . .	April 27, 1859.†
Elliott, J. R. . . . .	April 23, 1862.

Ely, Alfred B. . . . .	June 4, 1851.
Emerson, John W. . . . .	April 22, 1863.†
English, A. T. . . . .	March 24, 1858.
Eustis, William T., 3d . . . . .	Jan. 25, 1865.
Fairbanks, J. A. . . . .	Feb. 24, 1864.
Fairbanks, J. W. . . . .	March 28, 1860.
Fellows, John F. . . . .	Nov. 25, 1857.†
Fields, George A. . . . .	Sept. 24, 1862.
Ford, Samuel . . . . .	April 25, 1865.
Fowle, William B., Jr. . . . .	Dec. 23, 1857.†
Fox, Charles J. . . . .	Oct. 27, 1858.
Francis, Cyrus T. . . . .	June 28, 1854.
Freeland, James H. . . . .	Feb. 27, 1867.
Freeman, James T. . . . .	Jan. 25, 1865.
French, Benjamin . . . . .	Jan. 27, 1858.
Frost, Edwin R. . . . .	Oct. 23, 1867.
Fuller, L. L. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1857.†
Fuller, Seth W. . . . .	April 27, 1859.
Galloupe, Charles W. . . . .	Nov. 24, 1858.†
Gammell, J. Franklin . . . . .	April 24, 1867.
Gannett, William P. . . . .	April 25, 1866.
Gardner, J. T. . . . .	April 25, 1860.
Gay, Eben F. . . . .	April 25, 1855.
Gogin, Thomas . . . . .	Sept. 22, 1869.
Goodnow, Charles L. . . . .	June 24, 1863.
Goodwin, Charles C. . . . .	May 22, 1867.
Gould, T. Warren . . . . .	Feb. 22, 1860.
Graves, Benjamin . . . . .	May 25, 1859.
Greenleaf, Gardner . . . . .	\$ *
Gregory, S. H. . . . .	Jan. 28, 1852.†
Guild, Benjamin F. . . . .	Dec. 28, 1864.
Guilmette, C. A. . . . .	Feb. 28, 1866.
Haeberle, Peter . . . . .	Jan. 27, 1869.
Hall, Charles H. . . . .	April 23, 1862.
Hamilton, Nathaniel . . . . .	April 28, 1869.
Harris, John T. . . . .	Oct. 28, 1863.†



Haskins, Horace . . . . .	Jan. 23, 1867.
Hastings, E. W. . . . .	June 24, 1863.
Hatch, Samuel . . . . .	Oct. 27, 1858.
Hayden, Abel F. . . . .	March 25, 1867.
Heath, Benjamin . . . . .	Oct. 28, 1863.
Heath, George W. . . . .	April 27, 1859.†
Hemenway, H. P. . . . .	Jan. 25, 1865.
Henry, James L. . . . .	June 27, 1860.*
Hennessy, Edward . . . . .	§ ‡*
Hepworth, Rev. G. H. . . . .	April 25, 1860.
Higby, Horace . . . . .	Feb. 27, 1867.*
Hillman, John J. . . . .	Feb. 26, 1868.
Hobbs, Alfred . . . . .	Sept. 22, 1869.
Hollis, James A. . . . .	May 22, 1867.
Holmes, Philip B. . . . .	May 26, 1869.
Holway, M. S. . . . .	Feb. 27, 1867.
Homer, Samuel J. M. . . . .	July 23, 1856.
Howard, J. D. . . . .	April 22, 1868.
Hughes, A. P. . . . .	March 28, 1860.†
Humphrey, John . . . . .	Sept. 22, 1869.
Ingalls, Jerome . . . . .	Feb. 26, 1868.
Ingraham, E. D. . . . .	Feb. 27, 1867.
Ingraham, Timothy . . . . .	Sept. 24, 1851.‖
Jenkins, Horace . . . . .	June 22, 1859.
Jenness, Albro R. . . . .	Sept. 25, 1867.
Johnson, John A. . . . .	Feb. 26, 1868.
Kelsey, Albert H. . . . .	§ ‖
Kempton, Rollins A. . . . .	May 26, 1869.
Kent, Enoch T. . . . .	March 22, 1865.
Kent, James D. . . . .	June 22, 1859.†
Kenrick, William A. . . . .	April 24, 1867.
Kidder, William A. . . . .	Jan. 27, 1869.
Kilburn, S. S. . . . .	March 22, 1865.
Kilham, Edward A. . . . .	Feb. 24, 1864.
Kimball, Charles E. . . . .	April 24, 1867.
Kimball, John J. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1868.

Kimball, John T. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1868.
Kimball, Moses . . . . .	Oct. 24, 1849.†
King, Carmi E. . . . .	June 4, 1851.
Knight, Elbridge G. . . . .	Sept. 22, 1869.
Knox, Charles H. . . . .	Sept. 26, 1860.
Lambert, Rev. Thomas R. . . . .	Oct. 24, 1849.‖
Lancaster, George H. . . . .	March 27, 1867.
Laselle, George S. . . . .	Sept. 27, 1865.†
Leavens, E. W. . . . .	Sept. 26, 1860.
Leavitt, Charles B. . . . .	Nov. 24, 1858.
Leeds, James B. . . . .	June 26, 1861.
Leighton, Samuel P. . . . .	Jan. 25, 1865.
Learnard, George W. . . . .	Sept. 28, 1864.
Lewis, Winslow . . . . .	Oct. 27, 1858.‖
Lockwood, Job . . . . .	June 22, 1859.
Loring, Harrison . . . . .	March 24, 1858.
Loring, John J. . . . .	§ *
Lowden, Andrew . . . . .	Oct. 28, 1863.
Lowden, James M. . . . .	May 25, 1859.*
Lumb, William . . . . .	June 22, 1859.
Luther, Slade . . . . .	June 4, 1851.†
Mack, John . . . . .	Oct. 28, 1863.
Magoon, James D. . . . .	June 26, 1867.
Mallard, Warren . . . . .	April 27, 1859.
Mason, Joseph B. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1868.
McIsaac, Alexander . . . . .	March 27, 1867.
Means, John H. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1868.
Means, Robert F. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1868.
Meigs, Loring . . . . .	April 27, 1859.
Menzel, John . . . . .	Jan. 25, 1865.
Merrill, Amos B. . . . .	Feb. 25, 1863.
Messer, William W. . . . .	June 4, 1851.†
Mills, John F. . . . .	March 24, 1858.
Montague, S. L. . . . .	Jan. 23, 1867.
Mooney, Ovid D. . . . .	May 24, 1865.
Moore, Charles W. . . . .	§ ‖
Morandi, Francis . . . . .	April 27, 1864.
Moriarty, John M. . . . .	Aug. 28, 1850.*



Newell, C. F. . . . .	Jan. 23, 1867
Newhall, Everett H. . . . .	April 26, 1865.
Nichols, Smith W. . . . .	May 22, 1850.†
Nichols, William H. . . . .	May 24, 1865.
Nickerson, Edward G. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1857.†
Nickerson, F. W. . . . .	April 22, 1868.
Nickerson, S. D. . . . .	Nov. 25, 1857.
Niles, S. R. . . . .	Feb. 25, 1863.
Norton, Charles W. . . . .	April 26, 1865.
Noyes, George N. . . . .	Sept. 28, 1864.
Noyes, Rev. George S. . . . .	Dec. 25, 1867.
Nurse, Gilbert . . . . .	Oct. 27, 1858.
Ober, John P. . . . .	\$ †
Oliver, A. J. . . . .	June 24, 1863.
Oliver, G. W. . . . .	June 26, 1861.
Oliver, Samuel P. . . . .	Nov. 26, 1856.†
Orcutt, William A. . . . .	June 26, 1867.
Parker, John Brooks . . . . .	Feb. 24, 1864.
Parker, J. Burpee . . . . .	Sept. 22, 1869.
Parkman, William . . . . .	\$
Parks, J. A. . . . .	May 26, 1858.
Peabody, Ellery . . . . .	March 22, 1865.*
Peirce, Rev. J. R. . . . .	Jan. 23, 1867.
Perkins, James . . . . .	\$ †
Philbrick, John L. . . . .	Sept. 26, 1854.†
Pierce, Charles . . . . .	Dec. 25, 1867.
Pierce, Frederick A. . . . .	March 24, 1858.
Plaisted, William T. . . . .	April 27, 1864.
Pond, Frederick L. . . . .	April 22, 1863.
Pope, John . . . . .	Sept. 26, 1854.
Porter, Francis L. . . . .	Feb. 24, 1858.†
Porter, Jacob L. . . . .	Sept. 26, 1854.*
Potter, Joseph S. . . . .	Dec. 25, 1867.
Presby, H. W. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1868.
Prescott, Edward . . . . .	Sept. 26, 1866.
Quinby, George W. . . . .	April 22, 1868.
Quint, Rev. A. H. . . . .	Sept. 26, 1860.

Rand, George C. . . . .	May 27, 1857.
Randall, Rev. George M. . . . .	Feb. 26, 1851.
Raymond, Curtis B. . . . .	June 23, 1858.†
Raymond, Edward A. . . . .	\$   *
Reed, John, Jr. . . . .	April 25, 1855.†
Restieaux, Thomas . . . . .	\$ †
Rice, Charles B. . . . .	March 26, 1856.
Rice, James . . . . .	April 23, 1862.
Rich, George H. . . . .	April 24, 1867.
Richards, C. A. . . . .	Sept. 23, 1868.
Richards, D. N. . . . .	May 25, 1859.†
Richardson, Isaac M. . . . .	April 28, 1852.
Riley, Hugh . . . . .	March 28, 1860.*
Riley, James M. . . . .	May 24, 1865.
Ripley, George . . . . .	Sept. 26, 1855.†
Robb, James B. . . . .	Dec. 22, 1858.†
Robbins, Charles . . . . .	\$
Robertson, J. C. . . . .	\$ †*
Robinson, A. J. . . . .	Feb. 27, 1867.
Robinson, Silas F. . . . .	Jan. 27, 1869.
Robinson, Simon W. . . . .	\$   *
Robinson, William . . . . .	Jan. 23, 1867.
Robinson, W. F. . . . .	Feb. 26, 1868.
Russell, J. M. . . . .	Feb. 25, 1863.
Russell, Warren E. . . . .	May 22, 1867.
Ryan, John, Jr. . . . .	June 27, 1860.*
Sanderson, G. F. . . . .	March 27, 1861.
Sargent, Aaron . . . . .	Sept. 28, 1864.
Sargent, Haydn . . . . .	Jan. 23, 1867.
Saunders, E. W. . . . .	Jan. 25, 1865.
Saxton, John . . . . .	May 22, 1867.
Scott, Horace . . . . .	May 23, 1860.†
Seabury, Charles W. . . . .	Jan. 28, 1863.
Sears, Thomas E. . . . .	March 22, 1865.*
Sears, Zenas . . . . .	Sept. 26, 1860.
Seccomb, E. R. . . . .	June 25, 1862.
Sharp, David . . . . .	April 24, 1867.
Sherman, C. J. F. . . . .	Oct. 22, 1856.†



Shurtleff, Nathaniel B.	Jan. 23, 1856.
Simmons, W. A.	Dec 25, 1867.
Simpson, Robert	May 22, 1867.
Smith, D. Z.	June 25, 1862. †
Smith, Eli W.	Sept. 26, 1866.
Smith, Franklin	April 22, 1868.
Smith, Henry F.	Sept. 23, 1868.
Smith, Henry W.	Jan. 23, 1867.
Smith, James M.	May 22, 1867.
Smith, Samuel D.	Sept. 26, 1866.
Snell, George	Dec. 22, 1858. †
Soule, John P.	Dec. 28, 1864.
Spinney, George R.	April 27, 1859.
Sprague, Thomas	Sept 23, 1857.
Starr, J. Leander	\$ †
Stearns, Edward	April 26, 1865.
Stetson, Edward	March 27, 1861.
Stetson, S. A.	Dec. 26, 1866.
Stevens, Benjamin F.	April 22, 1857. †
Stoddard, Noah	April 22, 1863.
Straw, Milton A., Jr.	Dec. 22, 1869.
Studley, E. B.	June 27, 1860.
Studley, Rev. W. S.	Sept. 24, 1862.
Sullivan, Thomas	April 22, 1863.
Suter, Hales W.	Sept. 26, 1854. †
Sutton, William	May 27, 1857.
Taber, George H.	Jan. 26, 1853. †
Taber, Isaac C.	Feb. 24, 1858. *
Tallman, J. R.	May 27, 1857. *
Tarbell, Luther L.	Oct. 24, 1855. †
Taylor, Thomas A.	April 22, 1863.
Taylor, William	Sept. 26, 1866.
Thaxter, D. McB.	March 28, 1855. †
Thomas, Henry F.	Sept. 24, 1851.
Thomas, Rev. Moses G.	May 27, 1857.
Thompson, Alexander	May 26, 1869.
Thompson, Amasa D.	June 26, 1867.
Toppa, Charles	May 23, 1866.

Townsend, George O.	March 27, 1861.
Train, Charles R.	July 23, 1856. †
Tripp, Stephen A.	Jan. 23, 1856.
Tucker, Elisha G.	May 25, 1853.
Tucker, Joshua	\$
Tucker, Lyman	Sept. 26, 1854. *
Turner, Job A.	Oct. 27, 1858.
Tyler, John S.	March 24, 1858.
Wainwright, Peter	Sept. 28, 1853. †
Walbridge, F. G.	Oct. 25, 1865.
Walker, Clement A.	Sept. 28, 1853.
Walker, Charles W.	Nov. 26, 1856. *
Walker, Galen C.	Nov. 26, 1856. *
Walker, Leonard	May 27, 1857. †
Walker, W. T.	Sept. 27, 1865.
Ward, Joseph W.	\$
Ward, Waldo F.	Sept. 23, 1868.
Ward, William	\$ *
Warren, G. Washington	\$ †
Warren, John A.	July 23, 1856.
Waters, Robert H.	April 26, 1865.
Webb, Alden	April 25, 1866.
Webster, Ambrose	May 26, 1869.
Webster, Sidney	April 27, 1859. †
Wellington, A. A.	Jan. 28, 1852. †
Wellman, William L.	Sept. 22, 1869.
Wheeler, Theodore	April 25, 1860. †
Wheeler, Lyman W.	Sept. 22, 1869.
Whiting, Joseph J.	March 28, 1855. †
Whitney, M. W.	Sept. 23, 1868.
Whittier, A. R.	April 26, 1865.
Williams, Marlborough	Sept. 23, 1857.
Williams, William A.	May 26, 1858. †
Willis, Hamilton	\$ †
Wilson, Elisha T.	Sept. 26, 1855.
Wilson, H. G.	Sept. 27, 1865.
Wilson, James L.	June 26, 1867.
Wood, Charles F.	Nov. 25, 1857. †



Wood, Charles M. . . . .	June 27, 1860.*
Wood, Lineas . . . . .	July 23, 1856.*
Woodbury, Charles L. . . . .	Oct. 26, 1859.
Woodcock, S. S. . . . .	Jan. 23, 1867.
Woods, H. T. . . . .	Oct. 27, 1858.
Wright, George F. . . . .	Dec. 22, 1869.
Wright, John H. . . . .	Sept. 26, 1855.†
Young, Ammi B. . . . .	\$ †
Young, William N. . . . .	Feb. 27, 1867.







## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

### Grand Commandery of Knights Templars

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS

OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

At the Annual Assembly of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, held at Providence, October 29, 1869, it was *Voted*,—

That the Constitution of this Grand Encampment be so altered and amended as to conform, in its nomenclature, and in all other respects, to the provisions and requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

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#### ARTICLE I.—GRAND COMMANDERY.

##### STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 1.—The style and title of this Body is "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island."

##### JURISDICTION.

SECT. 2.—Its jurisdiction extends over the territorial limits of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

##### POWERS.

SECT. 3.—In it alone is vested the right and duty, which it cannot delegate, to superintend and



govern all Commanderies of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction.

It has exclusive power to grant dispensations and warrants for forming and opening Commanderies of the above Orders, and to extend or revoke the same.

It enacts statutes and issues edicts, and amends and repeals the same.

It censures, suspends, and erases Councils and Commanderies, and holds any of their members amenable for any violation or neglect of its statutes and edicts.

It has supreme authority, throughout this jurisdiction, in all matters pertaining to Templar Masonry, subject only to the ancient landmarks of the Order and the Grand Encampment of the United States.

#### MEMBERS.

SECT. 4. — It shall consist of a Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain-General, Grand Prelate, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Sword-Bearer, Grand Standard-Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Captain of the Guards, Grand Sentinel, — *ex officiis*; of all Past Grand Commanders, and Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Commanders, and Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand General-

issimos, and Past Grand Captains-General of this Body; of the Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General, for the time being, of all subordinate Commanderies under this jurisdiction; and of all Past Commanders of such subordinates, so long as they are members of Commanderies, under this jurisdiction, in good standing.

The above named present and past Officers (the Grand Sentinel excepted), and Representatives and Past Commanders of subordinate Commanderies, are the only voters in this Grand Commandery.

A permanent member has but one vote in his own right as such, and but two in any case.

#### ATTENDANCE AND PROXIES.

SECT. 5. — Each of the officers named in the preceding section, save and except Past Commanders and the Grand Sentinel, being unable to attend the Assemblies in person, shall have the power to appoint a proxy, who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent, except that of taking his rank in Grand Commandery.

Such proxy must, at the time of his service, be a member of *the same subordinate Commandery as his principal*, and a Templar of not less than three years' standing, and must present a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.



## OFFICERS, ELECTION, AND TITLES.

SECT. 6. — The first nine officers shall be chosen by written ballot; the others, by appointment of the Grand Commander.

No Knight is eligible to any office in this Grand Commandery, unless he be a member of some subordinate Commandery, and a Templar of not less than three years' standing.

The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors have been installed. The title of the Grand Commander is "RIGHT EMINENT"; that of Deputy Grand Commander, "VERY EMINENT"; of the other Grand Officers, "EMINENT."

## ASSEMBLIES.

SECT. 7. — This Grand Commandery shall assemble in October and May of each year, at such time and place as the presiding officer shall appoint, — in October, for the election of officers and the transaction of the annual business; and in May, for the exemplification of the work and ritual, the transaction of such special business as shall be presented, and the consideration of such matters as pertain to the general good of the Order.

Special Assemblies may be held at the pleasure of the presiding officer; but no business shall be trans-

acted at a special meeting, save that which was specified in the original notice.

## PREROGATIVES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECT. 8. — The Grand Commander shall have a watchful supervision over all the Subordinate Commanderies, and see that all the constitutional enactments rules and edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and of this Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly obeyed.

The Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander, at their pleasure, visit and preside in any subordinate Commandery, and give such instruction and direction in the work and ritual as the good of the Order may require; always conforming to the ancient landmarks and this Grand Constitution. The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander.

It is the duty of the Grand Commander, in person or by one of his Council, to visit and examine every subordinate Commandery under dispensation once in three months, and every chartered Commandery annually, and cause a report of the same to be made at the Annual Assembly of this Grand Commandery.

It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer to report to the Grand Commander or presiding officer, when-



ever and as often as there shall be a surplus of one hundred dollars in the treasury, not subject to any appropriation already made; and to invest the same by and with the advice of the first two officers.

It is the duty of the Grand Recorder, annually, to communicate to the Grand Recorders of all State Grand Commanderies, and to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, a list of all the Grand Officers of this Grand Commandery, and all such other matters as the Right Eminent Grand Commander shall deem to be for the general good of the Order, or useful for their information.

The other duties of the above officers, and the duties of the other officers, are such as are traditionally appropriate to their offices, and such as may be required of them by this Grand Commandery and the Grand Commander.

#### NEW COMMANDERIES.

SECT. 9. — Dispensations for forming and opening new Commanderies, upon the petition of not less than nine Knights Templars residing within the jurisdiction, may be issued by the Grand Commander during recess of the Grand Commandery only, — Dispensations so issued to be of force only until the succeeding stated Assembly of this Body, unless continued by vote thereof; *provided, however*, that

no Dispensation shall be issued without the consent of the Commandery nearest to the place where the new one is to be located; and, if in that town or city there is more than one, the consent of all shall be obtained.

Charters shall be granted by vote of the Grand Commandery alone, and at a stated Assembly.

A Commandery formed within this jurisdiction, without a Dispensation or Charter, as above provided, shall be deemed illegal; and all communication between Commanderies under this jurisdiction, and the members of such illegal ones, is hereby strictly forbidden.

#### FEES FOR DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

SECT. 10. — The fees for a Dispensation are forty dollars to the Grand Commandery, and three dollars to the Grand Recorder; and, for a Charter, sixty dollars to the Grand Commandery, and seven dollars to the Grand Recorder; and, for a Charter without a previous Dispensation, one hundred dollars to the Grand Commandery, and ten dollars to the Grand Recorder. In no case shall a Dispensation or Charter be issued, until the required fees shall have been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

#### GRAND FUND.

SECT. 11. — One tenth of the unincumbered funds



of this Body, at its Annual Assembly in October, 1859, and one tenth of its present and future income, shall be set apart, and shall form a "Grand Fund"; the interest only of which shall be expended, for charitable and other purposes, at the discretion of this Grand Body: *provided, however*, that no portion of the interest shall be expended for any purpose whatever, until the principal shall amount to five thousand dollars. The unexpended income of the fund, and all donations to the same, shall be annually added to the principal. Until this fund shall amount to five thousand dollars, it shall not be in knightly faith to diminish the rate of increase as provided above.

The Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder, shall be a Committee, to be styled "The Grand Fund Committee," whose duty it shall be to attend to the safe and profitable investment of this fund. They shall also make a detailed report, in writing, of its condition at each and every Annual Assembly in October. A failure so to do shall render them ineligible to re-election for the ensuing year.

## ARTICLE II. — SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

### MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. — Every subordinate Commandery shall consist of a Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Prelate, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, Sword-Bearer, Standard-Bearer, and Warder, and such other officers and members as may be found convenient.

### ASSEMBLIES.

SECT. 2. — Every subordinate Commandery shall assemble at least quarterly for improvement and business.

### JURISDICTION.

SECT. 3. — Every subordinate Commandery shall have exclusive jurisdiction in receiving applications for and conferring the Orders of Knighthood, over all territory lying nearer the usual travelled routes to its place of meeting than to that of any other Commandery; *provided*, that any Commandery may waive this jurisdiction in favor of any person desirous to apply to any other Commandery.

### OFFICERS: ELECTION AND DUTIES.

SECT. 4. — The first eight officers shall be elected by written ballot: the others may be appointed by



the Commander at the pleasure of the Commandery. The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors shall have been installed. The title of the Commander is "EMINENT." The Commander of a subordinate Commandery has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Commandery and this Grand Constitution are duly observed; that accurate records are kept, and just accounts rendered; that regular returns to this Grand Commandery are made annually; and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He calls special Assemblies of his Commandery at pleasure; and it is his duty, with his Generalissimo and Captain-General, to attend all Assemblies of this Grand Commandery.

The duties of the other officers are such as are traditionally appropriate, and such as may be assigned them by the Commandery or the Commander.

#### OBLIGATION.

SECT. 5. — The officers of every subordinate Commandery before installation, and every candidate upon admission, shall take the following obligation, viz: "I, ———, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America."

#### ANNUAL RETURNS.

SECT. 6. — Every subordinate Commandery shall make a return to the Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery, on or before the tenth day of October, annually, of the roll of its officers and members, of all candidates for the Orders, accepted or rejected; and shall pay to this Grand Commandery five dollars for every Knight created, and an annual fee of three dollars.

#### ORDERS, FEES, AND RULE OF SUCCESSION.

SECT. 7. — No subordinate Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than thirty dollars, nor on any person who shall not have regularly received the several Degrees of E.A., F.C., M. M., M. M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A. M.; and no candidate for the Orders shall be balloted for, unless he shall have stood proposed at least fourteen days, unless a Dispensation therefor shall be obtained from the R.E. Grand Commander. The Orders shall be conferred in the following succession, viz: — 1. KNIGHT OF THE RED CROSS; 2. KNIGHT TEMPLAR; 3. KNIGHT OF MALTA.

#### SOJOURNERS.

SECT. 8. — It is not regular for a subordinate Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any sojourner from any State or place in which there is a Commandery regularly established, except



by consent of the Commandery having jurisdiction. Any Commandery which violates this regulation shall be subject to knightly discipline, and be required to pay, on demand, to the Commandery having jurisdiction, the amount of fees received.

Any Commandery may, however, take cognizance of the conduct of sojourning Knights.

#### QUESTIONS.

SECT. 9.—In every Assembly of Knights, all questions, except of the admission of candidates and members, and of matters specially reserved by the By-Laws, shall be decided by a majority vote, — the presiding officer, if a member, being entitled to one vote, and, in case of a tie, to the casting vote.

#### COSTUME.

SECT. 10.—The costume of this Grand Commandery and its subordinates is such as is, from time to time, approved by this Grand Body.

#### OPENING AND CLOSING.

SECT. 11.—All Councils and Commanderies should be opened and closed in due and ancient form; and Commanderies with devotion.

#### AMENDMENTS.

SECT. 12.—This Grand Constitution may be altered or amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual Assembly in October.



EXTRACTS FROM THE

## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

### Grand Encampment of Knights Templars

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

#### ARTICLE FIRST.

OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

#### SECTION I.—HOW CONSTITUTED.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States is constituted as follows:—

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain-General, Grand Prelate, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Standard-Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Captain of the Guards; likewise, all Past Grand Masters, all Past Deputy Grand Masters, all Past



Grand Generalissimos, and all Past Grand Captains-General of the Grand Encampment of the United States; likewise, all Grand Commanders, all Past Grand Commanders, all Deputy Grand Commanders, all Grand Generalissimos, and all Grand Captains-General of each State Grand Commandery that acknowledges the jurisdiction of the United States Grand Encampment; likewise, the first three officers of each Commandery that holds its Charter immediately from the Grand Encampment of the United States.

#### SECTION III. — TITLES.

The title of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States is *Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templars*; that of the Deputy Grand Master, *Right Eminent*; of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment, *Very Eminent*.

#### SECTION IV. — MEETINGS.

The Stated Meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States shall occur triennially, at such time and place as may have been previously designated by the Standing Committee, and approved by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

### ARTICLE SECOND.

#### OF THE STATE GRAND COMMANDERIES.

##### SECTION I. — HOW CONSTITUTED.

Whenever there shall be three or more subordinate chartered Commanderies instituted or holden under this Constitution, in any one State, District, or Territory, in which a Grand Encampment has not been heretofore formed, a *Grand Commandery* may be formed, after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master or the Grand Encampment. Its jurisdiction shall be the territorial limits in which it is holden.